



Memorandum

TO: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

FROM: Norberto Dueñas

SUBJECT: SCHOOLS/CITY COLLABORATIVE
UPDATE

DATE: 08-24-2009

Approved

Date

9/2/09

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Neighborhood Services and Education (NSE) Council Committee accept the status report on the Schools/City Collaborative (S/CC) and the attached meeting calendars.

BACKGROUND

Mayor Reed, Vice Mayor Chirco and Superintendent Jacqueline Horejs co-chair the Schools/City Collaborative. The Schools/City Collaborative (S/CC) is a formal body comprised of each of the 19 school district superintendents, City of San José elected officials and City of San José Department Directors and Senior Staff. The mission of the S/CC is “to develop sustaining partnerships to maximize resources to serve our children, families, and the community”.

In addition to meeting on a quarterly basis, the S/CC will continue to focus on three core issue areas in the 2009–10 Fiscal Year. These issue areas include: School Safety, Joint Use and Neighborhood Services and Teacher Recruitment and Retention.

ANALYSIS

This memo provides a summary of recent activities of each S/CC Subcommittee.

School Safety Subcommittee

The Department of Transportation (DOT) conducted a school transportation survey of all San José school districts to learn about potential safety impacts to students if districts had to implement route reductions, or eliminate their transportation programs due to State budget cuts, as discussed at the School/City Collaborative meeting on June 10, 2009. The purpose of the survey was to learn how changes might affect drop-off and pick-up traffic, driving patterns, congestion and the number of kids who walk or bike to school, so that the Subcommittee could evaluate any actions that the schools and/or City could take to help mitigate these impacts. Three districts: San Jose Unified, Campbell Union and Orchard, all indicated that, as proposed, State cuts would have impacts on their transportation program through either reductions or elimination. The Committee advised holding off on evaluation of safety issues until the budget

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was passed, since it was uncertain, at the time, if the proposed cuts would be implemented. DOT is now in the process of following up with districts for evaluation of potential safety concerns. An update is expected at next Quarterly S/CC meeting on September 9, 2009.

Joint Use and Neighborhood Services Subcommittee

The Joint Use Sub-Committee had two major products as part of the FY 09-10 Work Plan:

- 1) The update of the S/CC Council Policy, which was approved by Council on April 28, 2009; and
- 2) The development of a new allocation process for the Homework Center Program, approved by Council on May 12, 2009. The Homework Center allocation process was adjusted to realize a funding reduction, and create a Block Grant system for school districts.

On May 15, 2009, the Joint Use and Neighborhood Services Committee reviewed its originally identified focus areas and discussed new priority areas for FY 2009-2010 which are continuing to be developed to be brought forward to the whole Collaborative at the next Quarterly meeting..

Teacher Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee

City Staff collaborated with the School District's Human Resource Directors on the foreclosure situation in San José. As an outcome of the Schools/City Collaborative meeting in June, City staff coordinated a meeting with the Human Resources Directors in the school districts most highly impacted by foreclosures. On July 22nd, Housing Department staff shared information on the ForeclosureHelp Center and provided informational material that list resources providing housing/foreclosure prevention assistance. The Human Resources Directors agreed to remain committed to this core issue area and assist the Department in circulating and sharing the information with their teachers and administrative staff. Housing Department staff will continue to work with the HR Directors to collaborate on how best to disseminate foreclosure prevention information to families, and will provide presentations and hand-out materials as needed. Housing Department staff prepared packages of materials containing flyers, resource guides, and business cards of the ForeclosureHelp Center and delivered to the six school districts to distribute throughout the schools where foreclosures are high. Staff will continue to attend and remain an acting item on agenda of the monthly meeting amongst the Human Resources Directors with the objective of strategically facilitating the circulation of information throughout the school districts.

For questions or additional information about the Schools/City Collaborative, please contact Ernest Azevedo at 535-8119.



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Encl. Attachments: A) Executive Committee Calendar

**SCHEDULE OF SCHOOLS CITY COLLABORATIVE
QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

*Regular Meetings Convene on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month at the Franklin McKinley
Schools District Office.
7:30 am – 9:00 am.*

2009 – 2010

SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

DECEMBER 9, 2009

MARCH 10, 2010

JUNE 16, 2010

Co-Chair: Mayor Reed
Co-Chair: Vice Mayor Judy Chirco
Co-Chair: (Superintendent) Dr. Jacqueline Horejs
Location: Franklin-McKinley School District
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